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- 1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON AUGUST 27, BLOCH-LAINE, ASSISTANT TREASURY DIRECTOR FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AT FINANCE MINISTRY NOTED THAT FOURCADE INTER-VIEW (REFTEL) HAD BEEN COMPLETE SURPRISE TO HIM, AND THAT HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO CLARIFY IT AFTER VENICE MEETING. DECISION AT VENICE TO SEPARATE EXCHANGE RATES FROM GOLD AND QUOTAS EXPLAINS PARA 4A, FOR EXAMPLE, HE NOTED.
- 2. ON MONETARY REFORM, BLOCH-LAINE GAVE EVEN MORE FLEXIBLE INTERPRETATION OF PARA 2. WIDTH OF DOLLAR AND YEN BANDS WAS NOT ESSENTIAL QUESTION, HE SAID; RATHER, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE "LESS SOLEMN, BUT MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FREQUENT" CONSULTATION TO KEEP RATES WITHIN WHATEVER

RELATIONSHIP DECIDED ON.

- 3. ON GOLD, BLOCH-LAINE STATED THAT CLEAR GOF PREFERENCE WAS THAT SIXTH OF IMF GOLD STOCK DESTINED FOR AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BE SOLD BY FUND TO CENTRAL BARKS, THEREBY REALIZING HIGHER RATE THAN IF IT WERE DUMPED ON MARKET. QUESTION OF LEGAL PROBLEM WITH THIS APPROACH HAS BEEN RAISED, HE SAID: IF THIS PROVED OBSTACLE, FRANCE WOULD ACCEPT SALE ON MARKET. EMBOFF RAISED U.S. TRUST FUND PROPOSAL AS POSSIBLE USE OF PROFITS. BLOCH-LAINE REPLIED THAT MANY POSSIBILITIES UNDER STUDY, AND NONE EXCLUDED.
- 4. EMBOFF ASKED IF ALAIN VERNOLES ARTICLE OF LE MONDE OF AUG 26 WAS A GOOD SUMMARY OF VENICE DECISIONS. BLOCH-LAINE REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY.

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